

It is suggested that the Examiner's use of the words "[I]n addition" at the beginning of the last sentence might be erroneously interpreted to be referring to a combination. Patent owner observes that none of the references disclose skids in the region of the transferring drum or in the space between a transferring drum which feeds overhead and the feeding opening of the separation rotors.

Kindly place these comments in the reexamination file in accordance with Office practice.

Respectfully submitted,



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